

Docket No.: **K-0866****PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Confirmation No.: **3550****Soung Bong CHOI and Hung Myong CHO**Group Art Unit: **1711**Serial No.: **10/594,714**Examiner: **Warren A. Young**Filed: **September 29, 2006**Customer No.: **34610**For: **DRIVING APPARATUS FOR WASHING MACHINE****INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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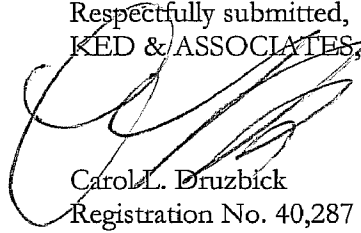
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